

special celebration. Again, I congratulate Mars for reaching this 35-year milestone and hope that this facility will continue to be a member of our community for many more decades to come.

REMEMBERING EDWARD
AUGUSTINE SAVOY

HON. ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON

OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Ms. NORTON. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to ask the House of Representatives to join me in remembering Edward Augustine Savoy, a freeman of color who held one of the highest government positions possible for an African American at the time, Chief Messenger to the Secretary of State, on the 70th anniversary of his death.

Edward Augustine Savoy was a third-generation Washingtonian born to a father who was a former slave and a mother who was a teacher in Northwest Washington, D.C. in 1855. Edward Savoy's illustrious career spanned 64 years, during which he worked for 21 Secretaries of State. Through 14 presidencies he played a significant role in many of the historic events in our nation. Even though Edward Savoy never ascended higher than Chief Messenger to the State Department because of the color of his skin, Edward Savoy still managed to become a great public servant, and was well known and respected by politicians, dignitaries, and international emissaries alike.

Edward Savoy began his career at the young age of 14 as page for the State Department in 1869, serving Secretary of State Hamilton Fish. In a time that was especially difficult for African Americans, Edward Savoy had a remarkable career as a public servant. Edward Savoy's intelligence, tactfulness, and remarkable memory allowed him to become a trusted employee inside the State Department, privy to confidential information, such as coming wars, yet never violated the trust placed in him.

In 1914, Secretary of State William Jennings Bryan recommended Mr. Savoy for promotion and President Woodrow Wilson authorized this promotion in an executive order. President Herbert Hoover's Vice President, Charles Curtis, and two Secretaries of State, Frank Billings Kellogg and Henry Lewis Stimson, intervened to extend his federal service past mandatory retirement age. Secretary Stimson called the native Washingtonian "indispensable." In 1931, a bill was introduced by Congressman Hamilton Fish III of New York asking Congress to extend the employment of Edward Augustine Savoy "indefinitely despite his years." This would have been the third extension of his retirement. Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson retained Mr. Savoy as a personal assistant, paying his wages from his own paycheck. In 1933, at the age of 77, Edward Augustine Savoy retired under Secretary of State Cordell Hull, after 64 years of uninterrupted federal service in the State Department, unheard of even in today's time.

HONORING IRENE STAGGERS HARRIS FOR HER DESIGNATION OF BISHOP

HON. JOE GARCIA

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. GARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Mrs. Irene Staggers Harris, whose tireless efforts within her parish, as well as her community, have earned her the title of Bishop.

The daughter of the late Pastor Arthur Staggers, Mrs. Staggers Harris has a lifetime of faithful church attendance, dedication, and ministry work. She began as an Ordained Elder in Greater St. Matthews Church in Florida City. With her leadership the ministry began to flourish and grow, advancing the increase of new Ministers and Deacons, and various other church initiatives. She also helped develop The Greater Love Daycare, Inc. which provides low-income parents with affordable pre-schooling for their children, and serves on the board of the South-Dade Ministerial Allowance, which is focused on crime prevention efforts in Homestead and Florida City Communities.

Because of these accomplishments, Mrs. Staggers Harris was considered and recently ordained bishop in the Shekinah Glory Deliverance Churches.

I applaud Mrs. Staggers Harris for her accomplishments and new designation. May she continue to lead and inspire her community through the grace of God.

TOYO TIRE NORTH AMERICA'S 8TH ANNIVERSARY IN BARTOW COUNTY

HON. PHIL GINGREY

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. GINGREY of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Toyo Tire North America's Bartow County facility, which is celebrating eight years of fostering economic growth in Georgia's 11th Congressional District.

In 2006, the Bartow Toyo Tire facility became the first U.S. consumer tire production operation. The plant includes a manufacturing facility and warehouse that serve customers throughout the country. Since then, Toyo has invested more than one billion dollars and created close to 1000 jobs in northwest Georgia, bringing financial stability and opportunity to Georgia families.

This week, Toyo Tire will announce plans to begin the plant's fourth expansion, investing hundreds of millions of dollars and adding hundreds of jobs to the local economy. This is a huge testament to Georgia's pro-business environment, and one of the reasons Governor Deal certified Bartow County as a 'Certified Work Ready Community.'

Mr. Speaker, I proudly extend my deepest thanks to Toyo Tire North America, their Plant Manager Jim Hawk, and the Toyo employees who play such an important role in making Bartow County's economy flourish. On behalf of Georgia's 11th District, I congratulate the

Bartow Toyo Tire facility on eight successful years. Here's to many more.

RECOGNIZING THE WORK OF MEMPHIS-BASED U.S. BIOLOGIC IN THEIR WORK TO HALT THE SPREAD OF LYME DISEASE

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, today I would like to recognize the work of Memphis-based U.S. Biologic in their work to halt the spread of Lyme disease. U.S. Biologic was recently awarded a grant of \$1 million from the Global Food and Health Innovation Challenge to expand their research on this important topic and I am proud to honor the hard work of their dedicated research team, especially Maria Gomes-Solecki.

I believe that our Nation's true department of defense is made up of the doctors and researchers who work hard to find cures and prevention methods for the diseases that threaten the lives and livelihoods of Americans every day. The research of people like Dr. Gomes-Solecki is integral in our mission to make the United States a safer place for the grandchildren of our generation, and I encourage more federal investment in the initiatives of the National Institutes of Health, as well as private funding like that provided through the Global Food and Health Innovation Challenge.

I congratulate U.S. Biologic and Dr. Gomes-Solecki on their achievement and I look forward to more developments from some of the Nation's most advanced researchers who are based in my district.

TRIBUTE TO COACH WILLIE E. MAXEY, JR.

HON. TERRI A. SEWELL

OF ALABAMA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 2, 2013

Ms. SEWELL of Alabama. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor high school athletic coach, Willie E. Maxey, Jr. on the occasion of his retirement from Selma City Schools. This beloved teacher and administrator coached for fifty years and for his dedicated and distinguished service to the City of Selma and the State of Alabama, I pay tribute today to the life work of Coach Willie E. Maxey.

Coach Maxey was born December 1, 1943 to the late Willie E. Maxey, Sr. and Ollie J. Maxey of Sardis, Alabama. His early years were spent in Sardis and Selma, Alabama.

Coach Maxey graduated from R. B. Hudson High School in 1961 and subsequently earned his Bachelor Degree from Alabama Agricultural & Mechanical University in 1966 and a Master's degree in Administration in 1981. Coach Maxey's leadership roles have included positions as Assistant Principal and Head Basketball Coach at Selma High School; Coach at Westside Jr. High School, Eastside Jr. High School, and R.B. Hudson High School. Also, Coach Maxey was coordinator of the Selma City Recreation Program for over fifty years.

Coach Maxey has served the Selma City Schools and community faithfully and his exemplary work and commitment to excellence